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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE AND LAO AIRCRAFT LAND IN THAILAND

1. IN LAST TWO DAYS, TWO AIRCRAFT HAVE ENTERED THAILAND IN APPARENT FLIGHT FROM VIETNAM AND LAOS RESPECTIVELY.

2. A VIETNAMESE NATIONAL AIRFORCE (VNAF) HELICOPTER WITH PILOT, ONE HO KIM HAI, HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN AND HIS CREW CHIEF ABOARD, LANDED IN AMPHUR MAKHAM OF CPANTHABURI PROVINCE ON MARCH 8. HELICOPTER AND PASSENGERS ARE IN CUSTODY OF THAI NATIONAL POLICE. LETTER FROM HAI FOR U.S. AMBASSADOR, DELIVERED BANGKOK MARCH 9, ASKS ASSISTANCE IN GOING TO U.S. HAI, WHO SAYS HE UNDERWENT PILOT TRAINING IN U.S. IN 1970 IN "CLASS 10-70," SAYS HIS INSTRUCTOR WAS A CAPTAIN THOMAS HORNER. HE ALSO GIVES NAMES OF MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE L'HOMMEDIEU AS "SPONSOR." NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING IDENTITIES OF PASSENGERS, EXACT GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF ORIGIN OF FLIGHT OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH INCIDENT NOW AVAILABLE BUT WILL FORWARD AS OBTAINED.

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3. AT 1120 HOURS MARCH 9, EMBASSY INFORMED BY MACTHAI

OPERATIONS CENTER THAT ROYAL THAI AIR FORCE (REAF) HAD INTERCEPTED 01-A AIRCRAFT INTURDING THAI AIRSPACE COMING FROM SAVANNAKHET, LAOS. SUBSEQUENT REPORT SHOWS AIRCRAFT LANDED IN SAKHON NAKHON PROVINCE AND PILOT, IDENTIFIED AS 1ST LIEUTENANT, IN THAI CUSTODY. DETAILS ON THIS INCIDENT WILL ALSO FOLLOW.

4. NEITHER OF ABOVE INCIDENTS IN PUBLIC DOMAIN AS OF 1500 HOURS MARCH 9.
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